SHRI P. A. SANGMA: As I said in the beginning this is an organisation which is a private organisaton Now, the UNICEF has given them some money. According to the figure available with me the total grant received from the UNICEF was Rs. 67,239,55. This is the total money which they have received from the UNICEF. This is the only information that I have got.

SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: Delhi Administration?

SHRI P. A. SANGMA: No.

श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव : मान्यवर, मैं सरकार से जानना चाहता हूं कि इस तरह की कितनी संस्थाएं देश में चल रही हैं जो बच्चों के प्रशिक्षण के नाम पर बच्चों का शोषण करती हैं और सरकार को इसका कोई इल्म नहीं है ? क्या ऐसी संस्थाओं को चलते रहने देने की सरकार की इच्छा है।

दूसरा प्रश्न मेरा यह है कि यूनिसेफ या कोई भी अंतर्राष्ट्रीय संस्था हो जब किसी भी देश में पैसा लगाती है तो उसकी जानकारी भारत सरकार को रहती है। तो भारत सरकार ऐसी संस्थाओं की जांच पड़ताल क्यों नहीं करती ?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question No. 331. Hon. Member absent.

*331. [*The questioners (Dr. Shrimati Sarojini Mahishi and Dr. Bapu Kaldate) were absent. For answer* vide *col.* 40 infra.]

Import duty on race horses

*323. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:

SHRI SURESH KALMADI:†

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is liberal import of about a hundred race horses annually at the cost of the Indian horse breeding industry;

(b) what is the rate of import duty on race horses at present and what is the total foreign exchange expended on such imports during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) whether Government propse to protect the horse breeding industry by restricting the import of race horses?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKAR): (a) No, Sir. There is no policy for import of race horses.

(b) (i) The total duty leviable is 140 per cent of value CIFC (Cost, Insurance, Freight and Commission).

(ii) No foreign exchange has been expended on import of race horses during the last three years.

(c) Does not arise.

SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Sir, my question has been misunderstood by the hon. Minister. What I have clearly asked is about the import of foreign horses for breeding purposes. I am aware of the fact that the horses which are meant for racing have been prohibited. That is all right, You have stopped the import of horses for racing. But you continue to import horses for breeding purposes. I have even got a letter from the Finance Minister in this regard. Every year, about 50 to 100 horses are imported and about Rs. 2 crores worth of foreign exchange is involved in the import of

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Suresh Kalmadi.

these horses. I would like to say that the Indian horse breeding industry has come of age today. As a matter of fact, they are breeding about 1000 horses per year whereas the demand in this country is only about 500 horses. Although the Minister has said 'no' in answer to my question, I am aware that 50 to 100 horses are being imported for breeding purposes and foreign exchange worth 2 crores of rupees is going out. Would the Government stop it in view of healthy growth of Indian or indigenous horse breeding?

SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER: Sir, if you are pleased to see, the question is whether it is a mact that there is liberal import of about a hundred race horses annually at the cost of Indian horse breeding industry. What is the rate of import duty on race horses? The whole concentration...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Don't be too technical. If you have the information, give it, otherewise ask for notice.

SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER: I went by the crux of the question and I answered it. He is asking about breeding horses.

Yes, there is a procedure which is followed. I do not have the exact figure of the foreign exchange that is involved in it. There is a procedure. It has got to be decided every year. The policy is framed, applictaions are received and the matter is adjudicated on merits. Breeding horses re entirely different from race horses which my friend knows better than I do.

SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH: He knows about horse-trading also.

SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Sir, as you said very well, I don't know why the hon. Minister is going on technicalities of the question. My question is very clear. The breeding industry has come of age. Why is the Finance Minister who is so particular about the drain of foreign exchange from the country, allowing this to happen. I want to know what steps the Government intends to take for protecting the Indian breeding industry.

SHRI P . SHIV SHANKER: It is only to develop the breeding industry that we are importing. It is not the case of... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Cross-breeding.

SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER: The amendment of Mr. Upendra is accepted.

SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Sir, where is the Government going?

SHRI N.K.P. SALVE: Sir, the thrust of the question is importing pedigree animals for breeding. May know where there is any proposal before the Commerce Ministry to import padigree donkeys?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question disallowed.

SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER: This is an improvement on Mr. Kalmadi.

SHRI N.K.P. SALVE: Are the foreign donkeys superior to Indian to Indian donkeys? (Interruptions)

SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH: Sir, I suggest to the Commerce Minister that it should be strictly on merits only.

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: Mr. Chairman, Sir, my difficulty is that even the original question still remains unanswered. The fact remains that horses imported for racing purposes are subsequently utilised for breeding. No horse can race for ever, and the life of an animal on a race course is limited by a number of years, and whether a group mare or

a stallion, it is subsequestly used for breeding. So, the technicality of the reply is not even as narmally intelligent as one would expect from the highly talented Minister. Sir, the fact remains that a number of animals are permitted to be imported by the Government of India for racing purposes. That they are used subsequently for reeding is altogether a different matter.. Therefore, I would like to know hat quantum of foreign exchange is released annually for import of animals for racing purposes.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Commerce Minister will not be able to answer the foreign exchange question. The Finance Minister is the appropriate authorirty.

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: He could perhaps tell me the import duty.

MR. CHAIRMAN: It is the Finance Minister's question.

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: But here the question has been permitted: What is the rate of import duty on race hourses?

MR. CHAIRMAN: It is the Finance Minister's responsibility. How can be answer?

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: You permitted the question, Sir. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI N.K.P. SALVE: Sir, between the two of them, breeding will suffer.

MR. CHAIRMAN: It will be very difficult for the Commerce Minister to answer how much foreign exchange was released....

SHRI SURESH KALMADI: I have got the information. I can supply it to him. It is two crores of rupees.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I will accept it when you become the Finance Minister but not now.

श्री गोर्जा इशविबेग : मान्यवर, हम लोग विदेश से जो आयात कर रहे है उसको घटाने के सम्बन्ध में, जैसा माना गया है कि हमारे यहां जो काठी की ब्रीड है, मैं भी मानता हूं, उसको है इनटरनेशनली प्रामाणिकता मिली हुई है कि यह एक बहुत ही अच्छी ब्रीज है तो मैं यह जानना चाहता हूं कि गुजरात की यह काठी ब्रीड को इस इस्तेमाल में लेने की कोई योजना है और आने वाले दिनों में क्या उस ब्रीड को और ज्यादा अच्छे ढंग की बनाये जाने की संभावना है ?

SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER: Sir, the question is with reference to the import. And, of course, I must frankly admit my very limited knowledge on this issue because people are talking about breeding donkeys and breeding horses, and so far as I am concerned..

SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Breeding is the concern of the Agriculture and Veterinary Department.

SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER: I now find the interest to be very much varied. The breed about which my friend has suggested and whether we will utilise this breed is a matter which does not...

MR. CHAIRMAN: You refer to the Agrirculture Minister. We have half a minute more. Now, Mr. Nirmal Chatterjee.

SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE: Sir, my question is like this.

SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER: Mr. Chatterjee is also interested?

SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE: I am also interested because people are interested in having donkeys also in their party. So, I am interested in this. You seem to be interested in importing these breeding horses. I take it that they breed horses. Now, those horses are used for which kind of purpose in the country?

SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER: Sir, I require a separate notice...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.